

REMARKS

Claims 3-24 were pending in the application. Claims 14-24 are withdrawn. Claims 5, 9-11 and 13 have been cancelled. Claims 25-26 are newly added. Support for claims 25-26 can be found on page 12, line 16 through page 13, line 2 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 1 and 6 are objected to because of the following informalities: the claims are objected to because of extraneous lines in the body of the claims and because the chemical formulas are not clearly printed. Applicants apologize for the informalities and have corrected them. Applicants respectfully request removal of the objections.

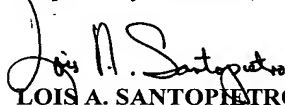
REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 103

Claims 3-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blomquist et al. Applicants traverse the rejection and give the following argument in support thereof. Applicants have amended the claims such that L represents an **ether** link, whereas, prior to the present amendment, L represented an ether or an ester link. Blomquist et al. does not teach nor disclose an ether link present in the L position. To the contrary, Blomquist et al. discloses only ester links (The Examiner is directed to: the abstract; column 3, lines 37-65; particularly line 51, all examples; and Claim 1, line 4). Therefore, currently amended Claim 4 is not obvious over Blomquist et al. In addition, new Claims 25 and 26 have been added to recite suitable B components for obtaining an ether link in concordance with Claim 4. Applicants respectfully request that the examiner to withdraw the rejection.

In light of the amendments to the claims and arguments found hereinabove, Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance for claims 3-4, 6-8, 12, 25 and 26 is respectfully solicited.

If anything further is required to advance allowance of applicant's case, the Examiner is urged to contact applicants' agent at the telephone number found below.

Respectfully submitted,


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